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I am tired of the way Microsoft is trying to manipulate the courts, public opinion and the software market. They have demonstrated time and again contempt for the legal process and have taken every opportunity to circumvent the spirit of settlements made in the past. Clearly they are bent on getting away with whatever they can without regard to the will of our justice system. I beg of you, do not "settle". Make your penalties against Microsoft strong and enforceable enough to bend them to compliance. Otherwise the technology sector is going to be a desolate, unimaginative field where Microsoft hands out terms to the public and business, who will have no choice but to accept a mess that you could have prevented.

Let us not forget the principles of biodiversity. It applies to technology as well. If Microsoft is allowed to continue its monopolistic practices, what will happen when the technology that 98% of the world runs on stops working because of some design flaw or viral attack? This argument is especially frightening given the present world political climate, and the terrifying lack of security in Microsoft software.

Thank you,

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